THE NATION'S HONOR.

A Mass Meeting of Citizens Declare That It Is Bailly Stained.

Ford's Opera House Filled With an Indignant Multitude.

Extremely Forcible Expressions of Opinion Touching England's Brutality.

Minister Lowell and the State Department Roundly Denounced for Timidity.

An indignation meeting under the auspices of the Clau-Na-Gael association of the District of Columbia was held at Ford's opera house last evening to protest against the recent judicial murder of Patrick O'Donnell by the English government. The theater was packed with a large and enthusiastic audience, and the stage was occupied by the members of the committee of the association, the speakers of the evening, and a number of prominent Irish-American

The meeting was called to order by Capt. Edward O'Meagher Condon, who introduced Hon. Wm. E. Robinson, of New York, as the chairman and the first speaker. This gentleman was greeted with prolonged applause, and when this had subsided Mr. Robinson said that he was unexpectedly called on to preside, and was handicapped by a severe indisposition. He made it a rule, however, to always be present on such occasions. The object of the meeting was to express the horror and detestation felt by all at the recent judicial murder of Patrick O'Donnell. There was an implacable warfare going on between England and Ireland, and to-

going on between England and Ireland, and today an Irish-American citizen who visited
Ireland was dogged and insulted and every
indignity possible offered to him.

Forty years ago he first visited Washington
and lectored in behalf of oppressed Ireland.
There had been a great change since
then. Then the mention of Ireland's wrongs elicited a hearty
sympathy for the American people. To-day
Lord Chief Justice Coleridge is received with
high honors by the men elected to carry on
the government of the United States. Last
night Matthew Arnold, a dudish English
prig, arrived here, and has been feted and
honored by the representatives of the administration. This man had been one of the
bitterest enemies of America, and yet he is
lauded to the skies for reading from a musty
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The press of America had been imbued with the same servile spirit and stood by and allowed Irish-Americans to be imprisoned allowed Irish-Americans to be imprisoned and the stars and stripes trailed in the dust without offering the slightest protest to the great wrong. Papers in this city—the Washington Post—had advanced the idea that it was thoroughly just for England to pursue the policy of proscription and legal murder. [Cheers and hisses.]

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The American government and people must take high ground against these systematic oppressions, and he intended to endeavor to get the house of representatives to express in what estimation it held the actions of this man who misrepresents the United States at the court of England, James Russell Lowell, the grandson of a tory, and a dude, who according to a statement in THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, the representative journal of Washington, was found by a democratic member of the house, who had called upon him, clad in a pair of koee-breeches to attend a queen's drawing-room reception. He would never vote for an appropriation to send abroad another dude from Massachusetts to misrepresent this country. We were now paying \$17,500 to this political hermaphrodite, and he should be recalled a second to the and he should be recalled at once, and his place filled by a solid "Hoosler" from Indiana to show that we have some manhood left

conclusion of his remarks Mr. At the conclusion of his remarks ar. Robinson introduced Representative Calkins, of Indiana. Mr. Calkins said that he was present simply as a lover of liberty. Whereever tyranny and oppression had been the lot of any race of men he had tried to be their friend. He believed all men were born free and equal, and he hoped to see the dawn of universal liberty all over the world. He hoped to live to see all over the world. He hoped to live to see the day when Ireland should be free; when Irishmen should have the ballot, and an 1rish parliament should legislate for Ireland. This was not the moment to discuss international law or the men who represented Amer-ica abroad. These subjects would come up elsewhere, and he would be ready then to express his views most fully. The list of Irish patriots and martyrs was steadily growing, and O'Donuell's name had been added to the roll that bore that of Emmet and scores of others who had died for Ireland's sake. Ire-land had done much for America, and in the last war the blood of many an Irishman had been shed to preserve the unity of this nation

Mr. Finerty was then inaroduced by the presiding officer and his appearance was greeted with a storm of cheers. He said this occasion was not one for oratorical effort, as this meeting was not to eulogize the struggle for Irish liberty, but to lament the decadence of America when it was permitted that Eng-land could thus ruthlessly insult and degrade the American congress and the American President. All that was asked for O'Donnell was that he should have the same protection that is claimed for any native born citizen. He respected England for one thing, even though he hated that government with intensity and bit-terness, and that was the indomitable pluck with which that government stepped forth on all occasions to defend the rights of to the occasion and demanded the respite of O'Donnell for ninety days under the ultimatum of a suspension of all diplomatic relations, all parties, democrats and republicans, northerners and southerners, would have risen up to approve and sustain him. Never was there a more just cause for war than in the insult given to the American people.

In the organization of the present house the democratic party would be held to a strict responsibility for its acts, and if it should choose a young man from New York, who is handicapped, not only with youth and inex-perience, but a predeliction for the policy represented by Mr. Lowell, as the head of the committee on foreign affairs, it would make a blunder that was almost a crime. He did not desire to indulge in personalities, nor did he think it just, perhaps, to visit the sins of the father upon the children; but the father of this gentleman was the paid agent of of this gentleman was the paid agent of English capitalists, and represented all that was un-American in the particular policy that had been manifested in dealing with the Irish question. No party could afford to take this course, and the newly elected speaker of the house would not be justified in placing at the head of the committee charged with the duty of passing upon matters affecting the foreign policy of the country an inexperienced fledgeling surrounded by such influences as were known to rounded by such influences as were known to ordered by such inhocics as were shown to environ him. Different things were expected of the democratic party, and it was the speaker's duty to selects thoroughly efficient and experienced man as the head of the head of this committee. To take any other course would result in the arraignment of the majority for an act of imbecility that was inex-

The course of the British government with regard to this last act of tyranny and oppres-sion was thoroughly in keeping with past. English hate had followed O'Donnell even beyond the brink of the grave, and for fear his remains should rest in historic Donegal

they had thrust this poor clay into quick lime, and to-night his whitened bones lay in a grave in Newgate in dust polluted by the remains of many an English murderer. As an Irish-American, he felt that this country deserved all that the devotion of its adopted sons could give it, but if the beggarly policy of having no navy and of submitting to English insults was carried much further it would be American and not Irish liberties that would be in danger. The protection of the Monroe doctrine could not be relied upon much longer. A canal was now being dug upon the isthmus of Pauma, and had not President Garfield been shot down by an assassin in this city? In

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of Panama, and had not President Garfield been shot down by an assassin in this city? In his administration there was a secretary of state who would have solved this question three years ago. While he did not agree with that secretary of state politically, he would say that he was a man who would have thoroughly upheld Ameri-can honor in an emergency like this of the ruthless murder of Patrick O'Donnell, and to-day there were many citizens of this to-day there were many citizens of this country of all political complexions who re-spected and admired his sturdy plack. Hon. J. B. Belford, of Colorado, was the next speaker, and delivered a very elequent speech, in which he heartily indorsed the sentiments of the speakers who had preceded

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Whereas the British government has taken the life of Patrick O'Donnell, an American citizen, and totally disregarded the request for a respite made by the American government in order that his case might be properly inquired into.

Bett resoived. That we, American citizens, in public meeting assembled, express our heartest sympathy at the patriot's fate, and deepest detestation of the unlawful and innuman methods by which his murder was accomplished.

Resoived, That the congress of the United states deserves the undying gratitude of the Irish race and American people for the prompt and patriotic manner in which if strove to avert the murder, and that the salure on the part of the English government to comply with its perfectly just and respectful request on behalf of the doomed man is barbarous and insulting, and deserves our severest condemnation.

Resoived, That, as the English government has been now and always deaf to the voice of reason and justice, we consider all attempts to ameliorate the condition or redress the wrongs of the Irish people by moral sussion futtle, and that in future nothing in that direction can be attained but by a resort to physical ioree.

BIG FIRE IN BALTIMORE.

Cotton Warehouses Burned-Heavy Loss-

Firemen Injured. BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 19.-Fire broke out this morning in three warehouses of the Baltimore Warehouse company, on Union dock, and the entire department was called out. Shortly after 11 o'clock the fire was got under control, warehouse No. 1 being completely burned out, and also the third stories of warehouses Nos. 2 and 3. The south wall and gable end of warehouse No. 1 fell, severely injuring two truckmen. All the warehouses were filled with cotton, canned goods, and tin plate. The warehouse company is fully insured on its advances. The following are the insurances as far as ascertained: Lumbormens, 22,500; New Hampshire, 7,500; Rochester German, 85,000; Norwich Union, 83,000; Queen, 82,000; Liverpool, Lancashire, and Glove, 85,300; Standard, 55,000; United Fireman's, 81,500; Fireman's fund, 82,500; American, 811,000; Washington, 82,500; Equitable, 82,500; German-American, 83,000; Williamsburg city, 83,000; St. Pani, 82,500; Mechanics, 82,500; Pennsylvania, 85,000; Tansailantic, \$5,000; Northern, \$2,000; National, N. Y., \$2,500; Fire association, Philadelphia, \$7,300. Connecticut, \$2,500; Scottish Union and National, \$5,000; Phenix, London, 83,000; Lion, \$2,500; Northwest National, \$2,500; Fire Insurance, Philadelphia, \$2,500; Fire association, England, \$5,500; Phenix, London, \$2,500; Northwest National, \$2,500; Stortish Union and National, \$5,000; Phenix, London, \$2,500; Northwest National, \$2,500; Stortish Union and Standard Mescantile, \$6,000; Long Jaland, \$2,500; total, \$181,500. There is in addition some \$50,000 of individual insurance on goods, on which advances have not been made by the warehouse company.

The firemen hurt by the failing of the wall were Capt, William Dunn and Joseph V. Dougherty, of No. Utruck, and Bradley were only slightly injured, but Dougherty was seriously hurt. He was taken from the debris in an unconscious condition, and it is thought he is injured internally. No. 1 truck was almost entirely destroyed, having received the full force of the full of the wall. Tonight the fire is under complete control, and no turther damage is apprehended.

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San Francisco, Dec. 19.—At the Ophir Mining company's election to-day there was a bitterly ontested fight between Mr. Flood, who had con trol, and Senator Sharon, who was auxious to pos sess it. The fight was the most exciting since the great Hale and Norcross fight in 1868, when the shares of that company rose to \$8,000. The real fight was to obtain possession of the milling ore, in which all the profits lie. Up to this morning the general belief was that Senator Sharon would capture the move. The voting commenced at 1:05 p. m. At 2:30 the vote stood : Flood, 41.714. Morrow, representing the Sharon interest, 2:537: Mr. Richardson, of the Bank of California, holding Sharon certificates and proxies, appeared and voted 47,105 shares solid. This was offset by W. H. Wright, who cast 1,460 votes for Flood, saving him the victory with 59,922 votes against Saaron's 48,855. The state laws call for seven trustees. By mutual agreement four were to be from the winning side. They were C. L. Weller, C. O. Connor, Charles Fiel, and R. H. Follis. Sharon's trustees are A. K. P. Harmon, Morris Schmidt, and J. H. Robinson. E. B. Holmes was elected secretary. The victory is credited to the energy of J. L. Flood, son of the millionaire. sess it. The fight was the most exciting since the

No Tidings From Nellie Cooley. WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 19.—The detectives who went in search of Nellie Cooley last night returned from North mountain this evening after a fruitless journey, so far as any knowledge of her whereabouts is concerned. The woman who was seen going toward the mountain yesterday, and who was thought to be the missing girl, proved to be Mary Bowman, who was recently iried for the murder of her child and acquitted. She was on her way from home to the mountains. It is firmly believed uow that Nellia Cooley's body is in the Susquehanna river, which is frozen over, and may hever be recovered.

A Double Murder. A Double Murder.

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New Onleans, Dec. 19.—A dispatch from Clinton, La., to the Times-Democral says: "Jim George, a colored man residing five miles from here, returned home at a late hour last night and found his daughter, aged 17 years, dead and another woman mortally wounded. The latter has since died. The double murler was committed by a man who called at George's house during his absence. He found the women in bed and snot them both. Ed Ell, colored, has been arrested for the murder, suspicion against him being strong."

Garnier Wins the Billiard Match. Lyons, Dec. 19.—The billiard contest between Garnier and Daly terminated to-night in a victory for the former, the total score for the five nights being, Garnier, 3,000, Daly, 2,970.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

—Thirteen inches of snow fell at Mount Carmel, Pa., yesterday, stopping several collectes, and im-peding railroad travel.

—The freight rates from Kansas City, Mo., to St. Paul and Minneapolis was fixed at 17 cents on wheat and 15 cents on corn yesterday, being a trop of 5 cents.

-Mrs. A. Eva Thurber, charged with assaulting the rusband with intent to kill has been found guilty, with a recommendation to mercy. Sen-ence was deferred. —Work at the different colleries in Northumber-iand county, Pa., was suspended yesterday until the twenty-sixth instant, throwing 12,000 em-ployes out of work.

—In the Wequelquock assault case, Samuel Faulon, George Chapman, and James E. Palmer were found guilty, and placed under \$390 bonds for trial. The pripry cases are still pending.

—The Esstern Telegraph company has elected the following directors: Thomas Roche, Fiederic Robie, C. C. fiedlow, J. W. Plaisted, and C. D. Livermore. A meeting will be held at some future date for organization. —Although no decision has been reached by the executive commutee of the Harvard Boat cub, regarding the challenge of the University of Pennsylvania, it is not at all probable that the challenge will be accepted.

The Akron, Summit county, common pleas court granted the request of Receiver Walker, of the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus railred, to lease its tract from Cayahoga Falls to Orrylie to the Plitaburg, Cleveland and Toledo railroad, of which Channey Andrews is president.

—Andrew Cairns, a saloon keeper in Philadelphia, died yesterday from injuries received by being struck with a beer glass thrown by August Petroid on Saturday night last. Petroid with two other young men were ordered out of the saloon by Cairns, whereupon the former struck him with the glass. The three men are in custody.

THE EMMA BOND OUTRAGE.

Motions for the Exclusion of the Testi-

mony of the Two Convicts Overruled. Sr. Louis, Dec. 19 .- A special dispatch from Hillsboro, Ill., to the Post-Dispatch says arguments of counsel in the Emma Bond case continued all the morning on motions made last evening by the defense to exclude certain testimony. They were altogether on dry questions of law, and at the close the court adjourned.

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On the reassembling of the court this afternoon, Judge Phillips delivered an opinion on the motions of the defense. He held that it was not apparent from the evidence that Montgomery made a confession to Swick and Heinlein because of the threats of a mob, or that he was terrorized or under the influence of fear. The motion was therefore over-ruled. As to the second motion, he held that ruled. As to the second motion, he held that if the court interpreted any particular evidence it robbed the jury of the right to sit upon the case, and practically gave the case to the defendants. The court can allow evidence to go the jury and instruct the jury how to act upon it. If the court decided in favor of the motion, the defendant could never again be prosecuted for this crime. The motion was overruled. The defense then moved that Charles Masters, one of Miss The motion was overruied. The defense then moved that Charles Masters, one of Miss Bond's scholars, who was at the school house on the afternoon of the outrage, be placed on the stand by the prosecution, in order to give the defense an opportunity to cross-examine him. The prosecution declined to do this, and the argument of coursel commenced. and the argument of counsel commenced.

ANNAPOLIS NOTES.

Verdict Against a Railroad Company-The Maryland Legislature.

Special Dispatch. Annapolis, Dec. 19.—Judge Miller delivered the opinion in the case of the Cumberland Valley Rail-road company vs. Alvy H. Mangens, affirming the udgment of the court below in favor of the de fendant. The plaintiff in the case was a passen fendant. The plaintiff in the case was a passenger to Green Castle, an intermediate station on the Cumberland Valley reliroad, and fell and was injured in leaving the cars at that station. It was alleged that the railroad showed negligence in starting the train before time had been allowed for passengers to leave it in safety. The court of appeals say there can be no question as to the duty of the defendant in this respect, that a railroad company undertaking the carriage of passengers to an intermediate point on their road, is bound to stop their trains there a sufficient length of time to enable all passengers whose destination is that point to alight in safety. The appeal is from the circuit court of Washington country, which assessed the damages at \$3,300 for Mangens. The board of public works meet to-morrow to consider a proposition of the Reading Railroad company looking to the settlement of their claim due the state, amounting to \$354,000.

A colored man named Ryan was arrested yesterday charged with robbing Capt. Blizzard, of a New Bedford schooner, of \$150. He was sent to Jail.

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A number of the members-elect of the legisla-ture have made arrangements for their stay here this winter, and have secured their seas in the legislative halls.

Death of an Old Defender.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19 .- Col. Elijah Stansbury, for many years a prominent member of the associa-tion of Old Defenders, died at his home in this city this morning, after a protracted and lingering illness consequent to the infirmities of age. He was born in Baltimore county in May, 1791. At the age of 21 he volunteered in the war of 1812 and was enrolled in the Baltimore Union artillery, under Capt. John Montgomery, and took part in the defense of Baltimore against the British forces led by Gen. Ross in 1814. After the close of the war he enlisted in the 27th regiment Maryland militia and was gradually promoted to the office of colonel and retained command of the regiment until the then existing militia system was abolished. In 1824 he was elected a member of the city council and served for eight consecutive years. In 1848 he was elected mayor of Battimore. His administration was economically and legislature. In 1848 he was elected mayor of Battimore. His administration was economically subprudently conducted, and he retired from office with the respect of his fellow citizens of all parties. In 1862 he retired from business on a competency and has since led a life of comparative retirement. He was a prominent member of the Society of the Old Defenders, and also belonged to the order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, Drulda, Red Men, Sons of Freedom, and Sons of Temperance. He had many prominent positions in the order of Odd Fellows and astained the highest degree in Masonry that the order in Maryland could bostow. was born in Baltimore county in May, 1791. A highest degree in Masonry that the order in Mary-land could bestow.

The De Meli Divorce Case. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—In the suit to-day of Florence N. De Mell against Henry A. De Mell fo divorce on the ground of cruel treatment and the divorce on the ground or crual treatment and the custody of her children, the plaintiff testified that the reason she left her husband's house at Dresden and came to this country, was because of hints her husband had let drap about a heing her in a lunatic asylum, and because of his mother's continued interference in the household affairs.

The cross-examination of Mrs. de Meli was con The cross-examination of Mrs. de Meli was conducted by Mr. McCure, who took up the charges in the complaint separately. In answer to his questions, Mrs. de Meli acknowledged that her husband's cruelty to herself consisted in his words and manner and not in acts of violence. In many instances the weight of the charges was materially diminished by the course of his examination, which was not concluded to-day, but will be continued to-morrow.

Louisiana Democratic Convention. New Oblians, La., Dec. 19.—A special dispatch to the *Picayune*, from Baton Rouge, says the democratic convention met at noon. The committee ocratic convention met at noon. The committee on credentials reported progress scating anti-administration delegates from East Baton Rouge, The committee saked until 7 o'clock p. m. to complete their deliberations, which was granted, and the convention took a recess until 7.

The convention met again at 7 p. m. The chairman of the committee on credentials stated that they would not be ready to report before 10 a. m. to-morrow. Some dissatisfaction being expressed, the chairman said they would report at that time,

to-morrow. Some dissatisfaction being express the chairman said they would report at that is if it took them all night to complete their lab. The convention then adjourned to 10 a.m.

Outrage and Probable Murder.

JOLLET, I.L., Dec. 19.—George Freestune, 23 years of age, one of the boarders of the Auburu house, entered the room of the head cook, Jane Havcock last night. He bound her head to prevent her screaming and then outraged her. When started to leave the room the woman gave alarm, when Freestune returned and cut hithroat with a knife and field. He was arrest while his hands were still covered with the blo of his victim. He atterward contessed the deand declared that he was intoxicated at the tin The woman is unconscious and will probably differ assailant was taken to jail amid threats typeling.

A Bigamist Sentenced. BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Charles Baker Holland pleaded guilty in the criminal court this morning to the charge of bigamy, and was sentenced to to the charge of bigainy, and was sentenced to three years and six months in the pentientiary. The indictment charged him with having feloni-ously married, on the fourteenth of June, 1883, in Baltimore city, Cora Belvin, being at the time the husband of Mary C. Shipley to whom he was united in matrimony in Battimore county. Hot-land is a respectable looking man, of medium height, and of prepussessing appearance.

Base Ball Association.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—At to-day's session of the Union Base Ball association, President Lucas in the chair, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Baltimors on the third Tuesday in Becember, 1881. The action of yesterdays meeting in expelling Thomas Guoning was rescinded. Engagements of players were reported as follows: Charles D. Barber and W. A. Haroratge, for Cincinnati, and F. E. Hogan for Baltimore.

Bid for the Democratic Convention, Sr. Lauis, Mo., Dec. 19.- A number of prominent citizens neid a meeting last night and took pre-liminary steps to scoure the holding of the next democratic national convention in this city. The chairman was authorized to appoint an executive committee of thirteen, who small have charge of matters, and another meeting was ordered for next Friday.

Death of a Prominent Clergyman. Boston, Dec. 19.—Rev. Thomas D. Anderson, D. D., paster of the South Baptist church, South Boston, died to-day. He was born in Philadelphia in in 1819, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1838.

The Higham Mucder Trial. WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 19.—In the Higham mur, der trial this morning the Rev. H. C. Townly detailed the meeting in the company's office, Higham and Enmes being present. He saw Higham go to the pattern room; Eames followed him very soon after; Higham sisammed the door and locked it: Eames broke the glass, put his hand through, and unlocked it; just as Eames stepped in Higham shot, fired again quickly, both clinched; when

witness strive I, drove Higham off by heating him with his cane; witness was but a few yards away when the firing occurred.

THE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION. An Osganization Having for Its Object

Opposition to Secret Societies. Philadriphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—in response to an invitation to the general public, about seventy-five men last evening attended a meeting in Association hall to form an Anti-Secret Society league, Several addresses were made, and committees were Several addresses were made, and committees were appointed to perfect an organization. The delegates convened again this morning under the name of the thristan convention. At the opaning there were less than a dozen persons present. The proceedings were opened with the reading of the Schipture and prayer. The delegate who engaged in amplication prayed that the people might be delivered from a bondage greater than that of human slavery. He also maked that the "Spirit of God might open the eyes and enlighten the Christians to the great dangers attending secret societies."

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Officers were chosen, and addresses were then made by J. W. Pheips, or Vermont; Rev. J. P. Stoddard, and President Blanchard, of the Lincoin colinge, Illinois. The latter said that William B. Seward and Edwin M. Stanton, of Liniam B. Seward and Edwin M. Stanton, of Liniam B. Seward and Edwin M. Stanton, of Colonia colinge, Illinois. The latter said that William B. Seward and Edwin M. Stanton, of Linicoin's cabinet, were anti-Mason, the lirst of whom was elected in New York during the anti-Mason cociety novement. He spoke of Thaddens Stevens, an anti-Mason, who led the house of representative, and said the lodge is the evil genius of the United States.

Resolutions were adopted denouncing all secret societies, and declaring that the Masonic lodge, "which is in active operation in every city and considerable villages in the country, fils our offices, secular and divine, with its partisans, shapes our political destinies, and teaches a corrupting morality subversive both of the Christian religion and of free institutions."

The resolutions also declare the Grand Army of the Republic to be as institious, dangerous, and useless form of secret organization.

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Report of the President and Election of Officers.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 19.-The annual meeting of the Virginia Midland Railway company was held in this city yesterday. President Bar-bour's report shows the gross earnings for the year to have been \$1,644,304; operating expenses, \$506,-194. There was an increase in the gross earnings from freight, passenger, and express traffic of \$200,967; a decrease in the receipts from mail of \$23,919, and a decrease from miscellaneous sources or \$4.744.

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The business far the year ended Sept. 20, 1883, was sufficient for the payment of the operating expenses, the interest on the tunded dett of the company, first to sixth series bonds inclusive, the rentals of the Charlottesville and Rapidan, and Frankliu and Pittspivania roads, the payment of the January, 1883, interest on the income bonds, which was paid in April, to devote \$119,805 to necessary construction and equipment, and to leave a balance of \$10783, which will enable the company on the first day of January next to pay the interest on its income bonds due July 1, 1883, Mr. John S. Barbour was re-elected president, and George S. Scott, George F. Baker, Calvin S. Price, W. P. Clyde, John McAuerney, George Parsons, A. D. Shepard, and J. A. Garland, of New York: A. J. Capron, of Baltimore, and R. A. Coghill, C. M. Blackford, W. H. Payne, I. T. Lovell, A. S. Buiord, James Bryan, and C. G. Holland, of Virginia, directors.

AN INTERESTING DECISION.

The City Government of Baltimore Receive a Verdict for the McDonough In-

attitute. BALTIMORE, Dec. 19 .- In the superior court this morning Judge Fisher rendered his opinion in the case of Tagart, executor of the will of the late the case of Tagart, executor of the will of the late Zeque Barnum, vs. Frank Barnum and others and the mayor and city council of Baltimors. The bill was filed by the executor for a construction of the will of Zenus Barnum, who bequeathed his entire estate to Mr. Tagart, in trast for the benefit of his brother, Frank Barnum, but provided that upon his said brother becoming a priest or a member of any order or society of the Roman Catholic church the estate shall pass to the mayor and city o uncil or Baltimore for the benefit of the McDonough institute. Frank Barnum having becomes a member of the order of Jesuita the city claimed the fund for the purposes declared by the testator; but the brothers and sisters of the testator claimed that the devise to the city is void, and that, therefore, the estate being undisposed of descended to the helrs and next of kin. The decree rendered is in favor of the mayor and city council for the McDonough institute. The case was argued last week, each of the parties to the bill being represented by several of the ablest councel of the Baltimore bar.

Virginia Bond Controversy. RIGHMOND, VA., Dec. 19.—In the circuit court of the city of Richmond to-day the case of the Kendall Bank Note company, of New York, against the commonwealth of Virginia, growing out of a

dull Bank Note company, of New York, against the commonwealth of Virginia, growing out of a contract to print Riddleberger bonds, was heard on pleadings. This suit is for \$30,000 damages for alleged breach of contract, and excites considerable interest, owing to the recent political change in the state. It originated with the readjuster board of sinking fund commissioners, who first swarded the contract to the Kendall company, and subsequently annulied it. The leading controversy to-day arose on two pleas filed by the attorney general, the first alleging an expressed, and the second an implied agreement on the part of the biaintiffs that their bonds would be admitted on the stock exchange of New York. The plaintiffs, in reply, denied the expressed agreement, and demurred to the pleas by way of implication. The court sustained the demurrer. Two other pleas were made by the deficer the bonds at the time required by the deliver until two weeks after the stipulated time, but alleged that the Kendall company was delayed for over a month by reason of having, at the request of the defendants, to engrave new plates, substituting a vignetic of Senator Riddleberger on the face of the bonds for that of Gen. Mahone, after the first plates had been completed. The issue was joined on these pleas, but owing to the alleged inability of Auditor Alien to be present, the case was continued to the seventh of January next.

He Repudiates His Naturalization.

New Youk, Dec. 19.—A young man rushed ex-citedly into the naturalization bureau to-day deposited a letter on the clerk's desk, and ther deposited a letter on the clerk's desk, and then disappeared. It was addressed to the judges of the court of common pleas, and the writer signed himself "John Joseph Ryan, a citizen of the Irish republic." The letter contained his naturalization papers, which were dated Oct. 13, 1889, and a note, which stated that he wished to have his name erased from the American citizenship roll, seeing how American citizens were strung up unmercificity in England while others were allowed to languish in prison.

Died from His Injuries. CENTRALIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Michael McCoy and Thomas McGrath, miners, at Big Mine Run col-liery, were injured by a fall of coal last night, McGoy died soon after, and McGrath's condition

Killed by a Snow Slide. PIETERSON, UTAH, Dec. 19.—Two men, named Harrington and Robinson, who left here Monday on a shooting expedition, were caught in a snow slide and instantly killed. Harrington's body was

Sleighing in Frederick.

Special Disputch,
FREDERICK, Mp., Dec. 19.—Snow fell here last night and to-day to the depth of about 10 inches, naking fair sleighing of which parties are now walting themselves.

Wires to Go Under Ground. New York, Dec. 19 .- The board of alderme to-day adopted an ordnance requiring the electric light comp nies to lay their wires underground after two years from May 1, 1884.

Four Men Drowned. CALAIS, ME., Dec. 19.—Wm. Wilson, Percy Trues-dals, A. Roilins, and S. C. McFarland were drowned last night in St. Andrews' bay by the capsizing of their saliboat.

Against Claus Spreckles's Kingdom, Senator Gibson introduced in the senate yester-day a bill to provide for giving notice to the Hawaiian government of the desire on the part of the United States government to abrogate the com-mercial treaty between the two nations. The bill is the same which Mr. Gibson has introduced at every session of congress since the treaty went into effect. Mr. Gibson also introduced a bill to extend the limits of the present port of New Or-leans so as to include the right bank of the river. This exten sion, Mr. Gibson says, has become nec-essary by the growth of the finshness of the port. He also introduced a bill to allow Henry Vignaux, second secretary of the United States at Paris, to accept from the French government the decora-tion of the legion of honor. the United States government to abrogate the com

Admitted to the Bar. supreme court yesterday, on motion of Hon. A. H. Garland, Paul Jones, of Nashville, Tenn., was admitted to practice; on motion of Mr. W. H. Calkins, Arctus W. Hatch, of Indianapolis, Ind., was admitted to practice. THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

Bourbon Doings-The Record They are Making-Afraid to Move in the Debt. Question-New Elections Ordered.

Special Disputch.
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 19,—The committee on privileges and elections of the Virginia senste ported this morning to that body that, "inas-nuch as the vacancies under consideration did not occur by death or resignation, but by forfeiture, the vacancy cannot be filled by the action of

not occur by death or resignation, but by forfeiture, the vacancy cannot be filled by the action of the executive, but only by the senato." this having reference to vacancies caused by the resignations of Senaturs Rue, Marin, Jones, and Stevens, which are now on Lie in the governor's office.

The four bourbon members of the committee made this report to carry out the policy of fraud and buildoxing begun at Danville and to prevent the seating of four liberal senators who were elected according to law, and who, in their seats, would check the bourbons in obtaining all the little offices in Virginia.

The minority report proves that Gov. Cameron issued writs of election as the law requires he should do, and is a strong paper in favor of constitutional government, and will prove a valuable document in our next campaign. Senator Hubard, liberal, from Buckingiam county, warned the bourbons of the record they were making, but without effect.

An amendment to the report of the committee, requesting the lieutenant governor of the state and president of the senate to issue writs of elections have just been held in pursuance of the orders of the governor, was added, and the majority report was adopted by a strict bourbon vote. The elections will, therefore, be reheld within twelve days, and the readjusters again returned.

In the lower house to-day the resolution in reference to the acceptance of the Riddleborger bills came up on its passage. The taunts and flugged the brokers presspot the north at the bourbons for so freely damning the readjusters, and then, for the mere effices of the state, pushing the debt question further toward repudiation than ever have had their effect. They halt, and on the plea that there may be a question of the law in the resolution to the committee on courts and justice. The city is the proper of the section to do with the debt at all, but fear to do anything, and the main purpose of the section to-day was to get more time. ime.
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The committee to which was referred the bill authorizing the appointment of a commissioner of sales for the counties and cities reported against it, of course, for this is a readjuster move against it, of course, for this is a readjuster move against the penny lawyer in favor of the people. It will yet be passed in Virginia, If in force now the widows and orphans would rejoice, and about half or the indifferent bourbon lawyers of the state would have to emigrate.

The political friends of Col. W. C. Elam, editor-in-chief of the Richmond Whig, sent him a pair of very fine borses this morning from southwest Virginia.

Gov. Cameron was in the basement office of the capitot this morning. In response to the question of how much money was in the state treasury the reply was, \$1,690,000, about.

A NEW SUFFRAGE CLUB.

Eloquent Speeches of Messrs. Moore Wright, Barton, Bowle, and Others.

An enthusiastic and largely attended suffrage meeting was held last night in Zion Weeley church, Twenty-third street, above L, which resulted in the formation of an active suffrage club.

church, Twenty-third street, above L, which resulted in the formation of an active suffrage club, Dr. A. P. Fardon, presided, and the following officers were unanimously elected: President, Dr. A. P. Fardon; vice president, Randali Bowie; secretary, J. H. Paynter; assistant secretary, G. L. Joy, treasurer, Thomas Lucas. A committee of twenty-five was appointed to secure signatures to petitions to be sent to congress demanding suffrage in the district.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Charles S. Moore addressed the meeting. He reviewed the anomalous condition of affairs in the district as regards the rights of American citizens, and said, among other forcible and pertinent uiterances: "The present form of government in the district is unconstitutional. We are closed out from the light of freedom by a dark cloud."

Mr. E. D. Wright, secretary of the committee of one hundred, followed in a strong and cloquent appeal. Among other things, he said: "Over 50,000 children baye been educated in this district under a form of government alien to and in opposition to our system of government. They have gone to the states, if not absolutely opposed, at least fudificrent to a representative form of government. If this continues fifty years we have 509,000 men advocating absolute menarchy.

The other speakers were Messrs. Clarence Barton, Randall Bowie, J. H. Paynter, and Dr. Faydom. The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

IGNORING A BILL.

Playing Games of Chance in a Man's Hotel Does Not Make It a Gambling House.

The grand jury to day will ignore the bill egainst William H. Lee for keeping a gambling house. It will be remembered that Lee, who keeps a hotel near the Baltimore and Ohio depot, was fined in the police court, and scatteneed to twenty-four hours in jail for allowing games of chance to be played on his premises. The commissioners were not ratisfied with Judge Snell's decision, but insisted that he should have been convicted for keeping a gambling house. District Attorney Corkhill then sent the witnesses to the grand jury, who will to-day, as above shated, ignore the bill. This action is important, especially in view of the recent order of the commissioners under the new law of gambling. keeps a hotel near the Baltimore and Ohio depot,

Fair of the Washington Cadets.

The fair of the Washington Cadet corps was visited last evening by the Lincoln Light Infantry Capt.Wm. Cornell. They were received in a brief but eloquent speech by Prof. R. T. Greener, which but eloquent speech by Prof. R. T. Greener, which was responded to by Capt. Cornell. The voting at the close of the evening stood in favor of Miss Mattie Williams for the lady's circular; J. R. Brown, china set; James H. Payne, cane for honorary member: J. R. Wright, ngly man's badge; Hayden Osborne, baby carriage; O. P. Morton poat, G. A. R., sword, belt, and sash; Carrie Walker, doll; J. W. Hamilton, gold watch; Company A. Cardiai City Guard, writing desk; C. A. Lemar, epau eta for air knights; Mirth Social club, punch b. wl.

Company A., of the Capital City Guard, will visit the fair on Friday evening.

A Good Templar Meeting. An interesting open meeting and emertainment was held last evening at Washington hall by Clements lodge of Good Templars. A la rge nun Ciements lodge of Good Templars. A la rge num ber of persons attended. Msj. Thomas Turner presided and made the opening remarks. The programme was rendered by Miss Cora Watson, Miss Mamie Hamilton, Miss Fannie Burling-game, Mr. B. T. Trueworthy, Miss Nellie McCabe, Austin Trueworthy, Fred. Newton Mr. Loveless, of Star of Hone lodge: Little May Blandford, Miss Ella Casey, Misa Susie Esputa, and Miss Lowcraft.

Election of Officers. Mount Vernon lodge, No. 2,142, Knight of Honor, met last evening at Odd Fellows ball southeast, and elected the following officers: Dictator, Willand elected the following electer. Bletafor, whi-iam E. Thompson; vice dictator, Henry R. Cohill; assistant dictator, Richard H. Holland; reporter, William P. Allan; financial reporter, George A. Green; treasurer, George W. M. K-e; representa-tive to the grand lodge, William P. Allan; alter-nate. William T. Dove.

Mr. Manta's Funeral.
The funeral of Mr. Thomas Mantatook place The funeral of Mr. Thomas Maniz fook place from the residence of Mr. Wm. Hunt, Eleventh, between G and I streets southeast, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. France, pastor of the Fourth Street M. E. church, officiated. The pall-bearers were Mesons. Wm. Watson, Japaper Scott, John Young, Robert Saxton, and Richard Pyles. Interment took place at the Congressional burial ground. Mr. Mantz was 33 years of age at the time of his death.

A Senatorial Duck Hunt. Senator Beck expects to spend the holidays as the guest of Senator Vance, of North Carolina. An

extended duck hunt has been planned, and a dis-tinguished party will be chaperoned over the best points along the coast and entertained at the lead-ing club-houses by the North Carolina sensior. Senator Anthony. A rumor was in circulation in this city last night that Senator Anthony had died during the evening. A representative of THE REPUBLICAN

called at the senator's home at a late hour and was informed that Mr. Anthony was better now than he had been for weeks. The Prize in Sight.

Representative John Follett leaves for Ohio to-lay. Senator Pendleton expects to start for Co-imbus on Sunday night, to be absent until after to is defeated for the United States senate.

Ex-Gov. Lowe Worse. Ex-Gov. Ralph P. Lowe, of Iowa, was lying at the point of death at an early hour this morning, and is not expected to live through the day.

The Weather To-Day. Colder, clearing weather, northerly winds, backing northwesterly, higher barameter.

Yesterday's thermometer: 7 a. m., 26.10; 11 a. m., 24.8° 3 p. m., 32.8°; 7 p. m., 32.6°; 11 p. m., 30.6°; maximum, 40°; minimum, 20.9°; precipitation, 1.98.

SONTAY OCCUPIED.

Admiral Courbet Meets With No Resistance from the Chinese,

Who Evacuated the Town on the Approach of the French.

Courtesies Extended the German Crown Prince in Rome -- A Brilliant Review.

The Dynamite Trials in Scotland-Other Foreign News.

SONTAY OCCUPIED.

Paris, Dec. 19 .- The funeral of Henri Martin, the historian, took place to-day. It was attended by M. Ferry, prime minister; M. Waldeck-Rousseau, minister of the interior, and the leading senators, deputies, and others. President Grevy was represented at the funeral by Gen. Pittle, his secretary. Delegations of Italian, Greek, and Roumanian residents were also present and deposited wreaths of flowers upon the coffin of the deceased his-

torian. It is reported here that the Chinese forces It is reported here that the Chinese forces have been concentrated at Hung-Hoa, some twenty miles above Sontay, on the Red river, and at Bac-Ninh. The Nationale, the France, and the Liberte (newspapers) all publish rumors to the effect that Admiral Courbet has occupied Sontay without resistance, the Chi-nese having evacuated the place upon seeing the French troops advancing.

MURDER TRIALS IN IRELAND.

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CORK, Dec. 19.—The trial of seven men charged with conspiracy to murder landlords in county Mayo was continued to-day in the assizes. The evidence submitted for the prosecution further revealed the assassination plot. Policemen testified to finding rifles in Old Castle, county Meath, marked with the initials of the Irish Republican brotherhood. They also testified to finding infernal machines. The prisoners are Thomas A. McCawley, Patrick W. Nally, Thomas Daly, James King, Peter Monelly. Matthew Melvin, and one other. The venue of the trial was changed from county Mayo to Cork on the application from county Mayo to Cork on the application of consel for the attorney general.

THE DYNAMITE TRIALS. EDINBURGH, Dec. 19 .- At the trial of Mc-EDINBURGH, Dec. 19.—At the trial of McDermett and nine others for complicity in
the dynamite outrages at Glasgow, Dr. Dupre, adviser of the government in chemical
subjects, testified that the materials found in
the box of Deasy, who was arrested in Liverpool in connection with the dynamite conspiracy, were similar to those found in the
box which was exploded at the canal bridge
over the Possil-park road in Glasgow.

A policeman testified to having found in
the houses of the prisoners several newspapers and documents, showing their sympathy with the Irish agitation.

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William Lamie, who testified in Dublin against his brother-in-law, Joseph Poole, who was executed yesterday, explained the nature of the Fenian organization. The case for the prosecution closed with Lamie's testimony. The declarations of the prisoners were them taken. They consisted of a general denial of the charges brought sgainst them.

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The witnesses for the defense were mostly relatives of the prisoners, and were called for the purpose of proving allbis. The taking of evidence in support of the claim of alibis will consume the remainder of the afternoon.

THE CROWN PRINCE IN ROME.

ROME, Dec. 19.—The Capitan Fracuses as-serts that the German crown prince mani-fested great sympathy with the elevated lan-guage used by the pope yesterday upon ques-tions of religion and morality, but offered no reply thereto. It is not believed that any negotiations were opened between the prince and the pope. La Liberta says editorially that it trusts that the significance given to

that it trusts that the significance given so the visit by the Moniteur de Rome (the papal organ) will be disavowed in Berlin.

The crown prince of Germany and King Humbert were present at a grand review of Italian troops to-day. Twenty thousand men were in the ranks. The weather was

men were in the ranks. He weather was fine. Large crowds viewed the pageant and manifested great enthusiasm.

The troops were drawn up in four lines upon the meadows outside the Porto del Popolo. The Crown Prince Frederick Will-iam and King Humbert, who were accompanied by brilliant staffs, were saluted by the troops on arriving on the ground, and the bands played the Pussian and Italian national bands played the Pussian and trains instolar anthems. The march past of the troops occu-pied an hour, and was witnessed by an im-mense multitude. The spectators repeatedly cheered King Humbert and Prince Frederick

The German crown prince and the members

The German crown prince and the members of the Italian royal family attended the Costanzi theater this evening, and were received with thrice-renewed cheers.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Catholic Journal Defence prints a telegram from Rome saying that when the German crown prince retired yeaterday after his interview with the pope, the latter wishing to preserve the exact sense of the conversation between them, dictated his secretary a summary of the same. The telegram adds that the prince proposed to close the culturkampf, and that Herr Von Schloezer, the Prussian minister at the vatican, has received instructions to that effect. can, has received instructions to that effect.

A CABINET RUPTURE PROBABLE. Madrid, Dec. 18.—It is believed that a rupture is imminent between the followers of Senor Sagasta and the dynastic left. ministerial council has been held to consider the situation. It is thought that the govern-ment, before taking action, will await the ment, before taking action, will await the result of the debate in the cortes upon the reply to the royal speech. If the government is defeated in this matter, Senor Yosada Herrera, the prime minister, will leave to King Alfonse the option of accepting the resignation of the ministry or of dissolving the

THE WAR IN EGYPT. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 19.—Reports from the Soudan state that El Mahdi is moving in

a westerly direction from El Obeid.

CAIRO, Dec. 19.—It is reported that a counter revolution against El Mahdi has broken out in the province of Darfour. GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The bishop of Kulm has forwarded to Herr Von Gossler, the Prussian minister of ecclesiastical affairs, a collective request of the Catholic priests in his diocess for the abrogation of the May law regarding the restrictions placed upon appointments to vacant cures. CABLE CATCHES.

The lower house of the Prussian diet has ad-journed until the eighth of January, The Emperor William and the Empress Augusts gave an audience on Tuesday to Cardinal Von Hohenlobe at the royal palace.

Reuter's Telegram company asserts that, despite the statements of cleri-al newspapers, the visit of the German crown prince to the pope was simply a visit of courtery.

The president of the Croatian diet closed the session of that body yesterday. The minority, supported by a number of students in the gallery, grossly insulted the president. The Paris anarchists who lately advertised a projected meeting in front of the bourse have been committed for trial. Proceedings against other anarchists who were indicted for making explo-sives will begin on Friday.

The Rome Oscretore Romano (clerical news-paper), in a violent article, lays emphasis upon the fact that the pope can never be free while compelled to live under a foreign flag, and says that princes visiting him must become aware of this fact.